GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2629
ANSWERED ON:16.12.1999
DEGRADED LAND .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any programme to save land degradation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total land degraded so far, State-wise; and

(d) the financial assistance provided to each State for the said programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Department of Agriculture and Co- operation in the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing various schemes for development of degraded lands through their Plan schemes namely soil conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers, Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas in North Eastern States and Reclamation of Alkali Soils. However, the Department of Land Resources is also implementing an Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme for development of non-forest wastelands on watershed basis in the country.

(c) A statement showing State-wise assessment of degraded area by the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation is given in the Annexure - I.

(d) A Statement showing State-wise funds released under the schemes referred to in the parts (a) and (b) of the Question during the first two years of the Ninth Plan Period is given in the Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2629 due for reply on 16.12.1999.

ASSSESSMENT OF DEGRADED LANDS IN INDIA BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COOPERATION

Sl. No.	State/UT	Total Degraded lands (Area in lakh ha.)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	122.31
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	26.54
3.	Assam	29.99
4.	Bihar	62.52
5.	Goa	2.00
6.	Gujarat	125.86
7	Haryana	41.62

8.	Himachal Pradesh	19.14
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.93
10.	Karnataka	114.03
11.	Kerala	19.35
12.	Madhya Pradesh	207.17
13.	Maharashtra	198.46
14.	Manipur	7.34
15.	Meghalaya	11.02
16.	Mizoram	6.10
17.	Nagaland	10.38
18.	Orissa	780.30
19.	Punjab	32.30
20.	Rajasthan	373.94
21.	Sikkim	3.03
22.	Tamil Nadu	38.22
23.	Tripura	2.79
24.	Uttar Pradesh	131.15
25.	West Bengal	43.03
26.	U.Ts.	3.50
27.	Coastal Sands	14.65
Total:-		1736.40

ANNEXURE-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2629 due for reply on 16.12.1999.

Statement showing State-wise funds released under the scheme referred to in the parts (a) and (b) of the Question during the first two years of the Ninth Plan Period.(1997-98 and 1998-99).

Sl. No.	State/UT	Funds released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2524.92
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	359.00
3.	Assam	262.92
4.	Bihar	29.77
5.	CAPART	250.00
6.	Gujarat	1412.09
7	Haryana	472.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1958.22
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1327.68
10.	Karnataka	2978.71
11.	Kerala	180.59
12.	Mahrastra	1904.78
13.	Manipur	840.62
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4019.41
15.	Mizoram	740.00
16.	Meghalaya	280.00
17.	Nagaland	1385.81
18.	Orissa	730.49
19.	Punjab	492.16
20.	Rajasthan	3623.85
21.	Sikkim	395.56
22.	Tamil Nadu	1620.97
23.	Tripura	376.31
24.	Uttar Pradesh	6795.50
25.	West Bengal	78.83

26. Damodar Valley Corpn.	1633.42
27. UTs	0.00
Total:	36,673.61